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COMMUNICATIONS

PMP Communications Plan

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Communication

- Tulsa District Communication Plan established to develop a strategic plan for improving internal and external communications.

- The Tulsa District Communication Plan is aligned with the Southwestern Division Communications Plan and the Tulsa District I-PLAN 01-05 (Communication Goal).

- DPM and Chief, PAO are the champions for the Tulsa District Communications Plan..

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Initiatives

Development of execution plans to address the following areas of improving communication:

- Telephone Coverage
- e-mail
- Community Relations Program
- Building Relationships Speakers Bureau
- Congressional Interaction
- Design of the Tulsa District Web Page
- Managing the Tulsa District Web Page
- Customers

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PMP Communications Plan

- Goal – To establish effective communications and community relations in all aspects of the District's mission.

- Objectives
  - Enhance public understanding of the event, project, program or action.
  - Encourage public involvement in Corps activities.

- Scope – All projects have PMPs. The Community Relations Plan is a part of all PMPs or activity work plans. PAO serves as advisor and assists in development of Community Relations Plans.

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- Within the communications plan is the following guidance to prepare a Community Relations Plan for a project.
  - Guidance on establishing a relations plan.
  - Check List on activities, goals and timeframe.
  - Do we need to do a Communications/ Community Relations Plan process map.

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PMP Communications Plan for

Miami, OK and Vicinity Feasibility Study and Southeast Oklahoma Feasibility Study

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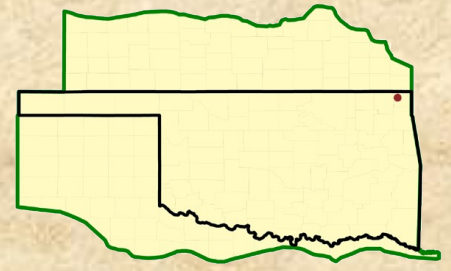
Miami, Oklahoma and Vicinity (Tar Creek Watershed Ecosystem) Feasibility Study



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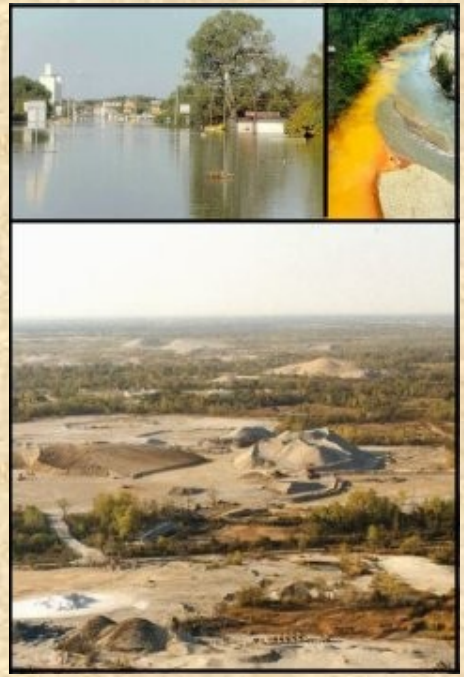
Miami, Oklahoma is located in Ottawa County in the northeastern corner of Oklahoma. The 2000 United States Census indicates that the population of Miami, Oklahoma is approximately 14,000 persons, and approximately 33,000 persons reside in Ottawa County.

The Tar Creek Watershed has a total drainage area of 53.3 square miles. The watershed ecosystem is severely impaired due to more than 80 years of mining activities. It is estimated that lead and zinc mines underlie approximately 2,540 acres in Ottawa County. Also, the Tar Creek Watershed has received highly mineralized drainage from the abandoned lead-zinc mines in the area. Tar Creek is commonly bank full of water, even during non-flood periods, which results in chronic flooding in the surrounding area.



The approach of the proposed feasibility study is to identify a comprehensive combination of recommended actions to reduce flooding and restore the watershed ecosystem to an acceptable condition. By letter, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating requested that the Corps of Engineers develop a comprehensive solution for the study area.

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Status: Study

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MIAMI, OKLAHOMA AND VICINITY

TAR CREEK WATERSHED

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Further information can be received from:

~ The Tulsa District web page on Tar Creek located by navigating the Tulsa District Home Page (**http://www.swt.usace.army.mil**). Once at the Home Page, click on "**Library**" and scroll down to "**Tar Creek**"

~ For more detailed information on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers planning process, see the brochure titled "The Corps of Engineers Planning Process" or contact Mr. Gene Lilly.

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THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROLE

~ By letter, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating requested that the Corps of Engineers develop a comprehensive solution for Tar Creek.

~ The approach to the feasibility study is to identify a comprehensive combination of actions, which will reduce flooding and restore the watershed ecosystem to an acceptable condition.

~ All applicable federal, tribal, state, local and other interests would be full partners and their views will be considered fully.

LOCATION

~ The project area is located in Ottawa County, Oklahoma.

~ Ottawa County is located in the northeastern corner of Oklahoma and borders Kansas and Missouri.

~ Nearby communities include Miami, North Miami, Commerce, Cardin, Quapaw, and Picher, Oklahoma.

~ Local Native American Nations include the Cherokee Tribe, Miami Tribe, Ottawa Tribe, Peoria Tribe, Quapaw Tribe, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe, Wyandotte Nation, and Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

~ The 2000 United States Census indicates that approximately 33,000 persons reside in Ottawa County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/EXISTING CONDITIONS

~ Tar Creek begins in Cherokee County, Kansas and flows into the Neosho River.

~ Tar Creek has a total drainage area of 53.3 square miles.

~ The Tar Creek watershed ecosystem is severely impaired due to more than 80 years of mining activities.

~ It is estimated that lead and zinc mines underlie approximately 2,540 acres in Ottawa County.

~ The Tar Creek Watershed has received highly mineralized mine drainage from the abandoned lead-zinc mines in the area.

~ Tar Creek is commonly bank-full of water, even during non-flood periods, which results in chronic flooding.

~ Approximately 75 million tons of "chat" (mine tailings) deposited by the mine companies remains on the surface of the ground.

POTENTIAL PUBLIC CONCERNS

~ Chronic flooding

~ Open or poorly sealed mine shafts

~ Impaired water quality from abandoned mine discharges

~ Remaining "chat" piles (mine tailings)

~ Depressed local economy

~ Health affects

~ Native American issues

PLANNING CONSTRAINTS

~ Any recommended project must be justified under established Federal planning criteria.

~ The recommended actions must be acceptable and supported by the local sponsor.

~ Project alternatives must comply with the Endangered Species Act, NEPA, and other applicable environmental laws and regulations.

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15 Feb 02 “Picher Council Rejects Cleanup Ordinance” Joplin Globe

7 Feb 02 “EPA Contractor to Check Parks, playgrounds for lead” Miami News and Record

3 Feb 02 “Federal Experts tour Superfund site” Miami News and Record

3 Feb 02 “Federal Team asked to help children” Miami News and Record

3 Feb 02 “Local Tribes encouraged after recent meetings” Miami News and Record

“Several tribal representatives are hopeful after meeting with the federal technical team sent to examine the Tar Creek Superfund site this week.”

3 Feb 02 “Federal Experts tour Superfund site” Tulsa World

3 Feb 02 “Someone Finally Noticed” Tulsa World

30 Jan 02 “Tour of Tar Creek Shocks EPA Official” NewsOK.com

29 Jan 02 “Tar Creek Visit Planned” NewsOK.com

25 Jan 02 “President's Council will tour Tar Creek site” Miami News and Record

22 Nov 01 “Tar Creek Relocation Study Funds Set” NewsOK.com

7 Sept 01 “Six US Agencies to join Tar Creek lead cleanup” NewsOK.com

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The Tulsa District completed a 905(b) Analysis in December 2001 that indicates a Federal and local interest in using a team approach of Federal, State, Tribal, local government, and other interests in considering the wetlands concept plan, and others, for purposes of flood control and ecosystem restoration. The proposed planning process, which includes the identification of a comprehensive concept plan within 6 months following the signing of a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, along with an update on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers activities was presented to the public at the Miami Civic Center on December 17, 2001. Following the identification of a comprehensive concept plan, additional data collection and analysis will be required to finalize the comprehensive plan.

Dec 2001

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters certified the 905(b) Analysis. Negotiations
with the local sponsor on the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement and the Project
Management Plan are now underway.

Tar Creek Watershed
December 17, 2001 Public Involvement Meeting

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Welcome to Tonight's Meeting

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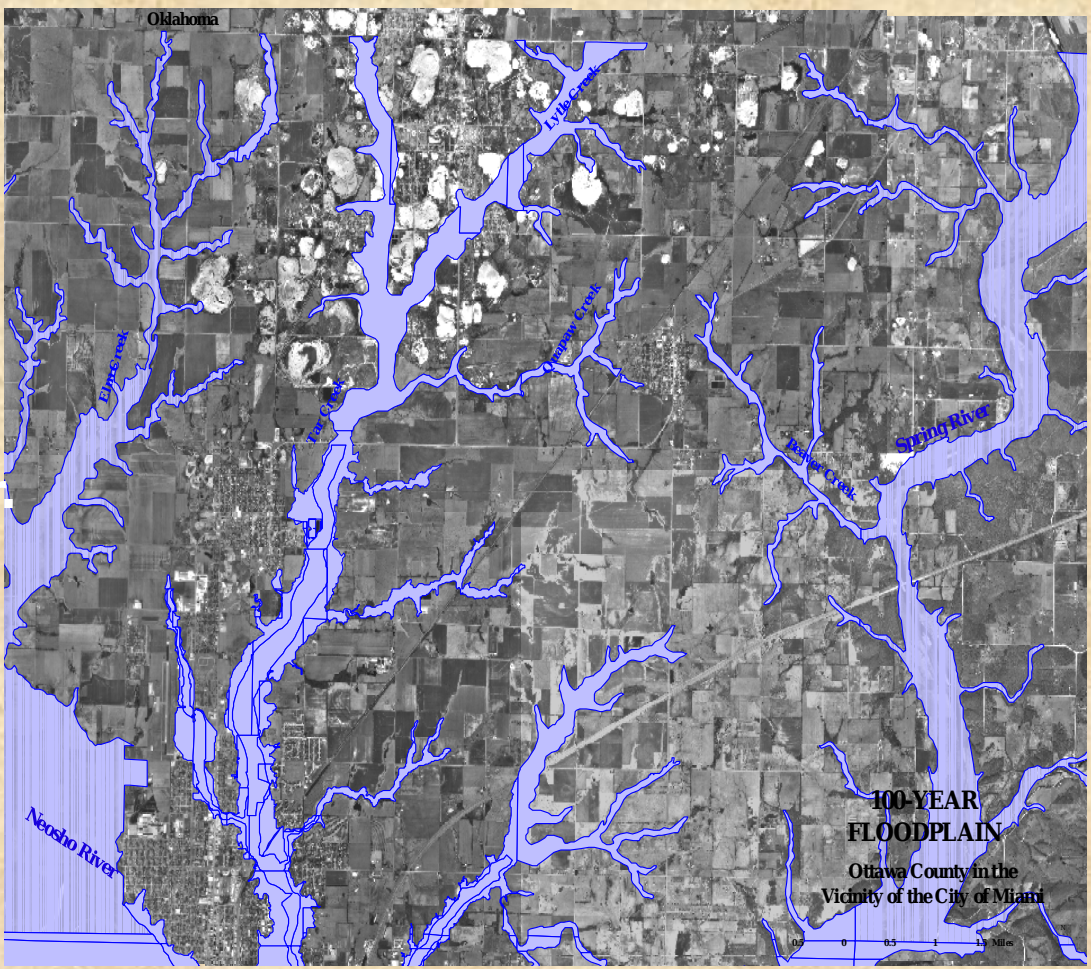

MIAMI, OKLAHOMA AND VICINITY
GRAND (NEOSHO) RIVER BASIN, OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS
RECONNAISSANCE REPORT
SECTION 905(B) (WRDA 86) ANALYSIS

1. STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to document a Federal and local interest in addressing water resource problems in the Grand (Neosho) River Basin in northeastern Oklahoma, particularly in the vicinity of Miami, Oklahoma. This report utilizes data developed for the 1989 Corps of Engineers "Miami, Oklahoma and Vicinity Reconnaissance Report" which documented extensive flooding problems in the community of Miami and identified economically justified solutions to those problems. That report recommended that cost-shared Feasibility studies be initiated; however, Miami city officials declined to participate at that time and the study was deferred. Flooding continues to be a major problem in the study area and along with other water resource problems, cannot be resolved without Federal assistance. The State of Oklahoma has assumed a vital leadership role and initiated efforts to participate in a Feasibility study to solve the water resource problems in northeastern Oklahoma.

Water resource issues in other areas within the Grand River Basin could potentially have Federal and local interest also. The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma has expressed their concern about the impaired ecosystem of Beaver Creek, which is located in the Spring River watershed of the Grand River Basin.

If Federal and local interest is confirmed, a feasibility report will be forwarded to Congress with a recommendation for authorization. This study found that there is a Federal interest in initiating a feasibility investigation. This analysis fulfills requirements of a Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis, documents the basis for this finding, and establishes the scope of the feasibility phase.

2. STUDY AUTHORITY

The Congressional authority for the study area is provided by Section 208 of the Flood Control Act of 1965, Public Law 89-298, approved 27 October 1965. The wording in the authority reads as follows:

> "The Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to cause surveys for flood control and allied purposes, including channel and major drainage improvements, and floods aggravated by or due to wind or tidal effects, to be made under the direction of the Chief of Engineers, in drainage areas of the United States and its territorial possessions, which include the localities specifically named in this section. After the regular or formal reports made on any survey authorized by this section are submitted to Congress, no supplemental or additional report or estimate shall be made unless authorized by law except that the Secretary of the Army may cause a review of any examination or survey

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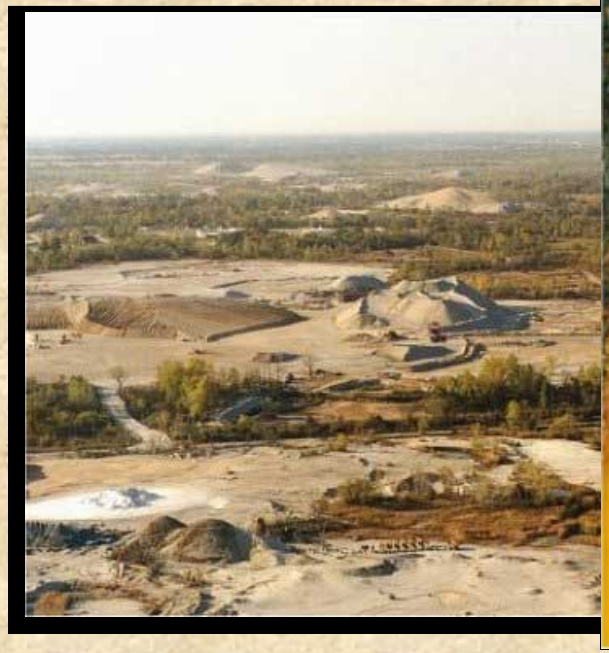

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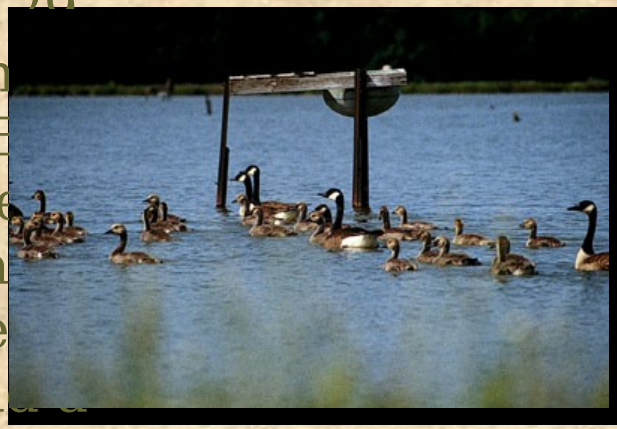

The study area encompasses 20 counties in southeast Oklahoma including the Kiamichi River Basin and other tributaries of the Red River. The reconnaissance study examined water resource related problems in southeast Oklahoma and found a federal interest in ecosystem restoration in the Kiamichi River Basin. The cumulative effects of land use changes in the basin have resulted in a loss of habitat for a number of aquatic species that are critical to the functioning of the riverine ecosystem. The reconnaissance study recommended proceeding to a cost-shared feasibility study with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board as the local sponsor. The reconnaissance report was certified in January 2001, and the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was executed in July 2001.

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to the local community, property owners, interest groups,

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SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA
WATER RESOURCES UTILIZATION STUDY
SECTION 905(b) (WRDA 86) Analysis

1. STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to determine if there is a Federal interest in providing ecosystem restoration improvements in the Kiamichi River Basin in Southeast Oklahoma. If a Federal interest is determined, a feasibility report will be forwarded to Congress with a recommendation for authorization. This reconnaissance phase of the study found that there is a Federal interest in continuing the study into the feasibility phase. This Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) Analysis documents the basis for this finding and establishes the scope of the feasibility phase. As the document that establishes the scope of the feasibility study, the Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) Analysis is the basis of the Scope of Work chapter of the Project Management Plan.

2. STUDY AUTHORITY

a. This Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) Analysis is an initial response to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2000 (Public Law 106-60). The appropriations language in the House Committee on Appropriations Report 106-253, dated July 23,1999, reads in part:

> The Committee has provided funding for a reconnaissance study of flooding and related water resource issues in Southeast Oklahoma, Oklahoma.

b. The reconnaissance phase of the study began in January 2000 using $100,000 appropriated in Fiscal Year 2000 in response to the study authority.

3. LOCATION OF PROJECT/CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

a. The study area consists of 29 counties in Southeast Oklahoma, primarily focusing on the Kiamichi River Basin (see Attachment 1). The Kiamichi River is a tributary of the Red River and flows south-southwesterly through southern Oklahoma to its confluence with the Red River near Hugo, Oklahoma. The basin contains a drainage area of 1,830 square miles, is 130 miles long, and is 30 miles wide at its widest point. The Kiamichi River Basin topography is primarily composed of ancient mountains with deep, narrow valleys and swift flowing streams. Elevations range from 2,400 feet near Muse to about 440 feet in the lower reaches near Hugo Lake. Two Corps of Engineers reservoirs are located in the Kiamichi River Basin - Sardis Lake near Clayton in the upper basin and Hugo Lake near Hugo in the lower basin.

b. The non-Federal sponsor for the feasibility phase of the study is the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB).

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Ongoing Initiatives

- Communications PDT implementing execution plans

- Focus on PMs for PMP Communications Plans (Next meeting 13 March)

- Tar Creek “live” on District Web Site - 4 March